



## January 2019 Region V



### Director's Message

Here it is 2019 and it seems like it was such a short time ago that I stepped into the shoes of Regional Director as Linda Petelka resigned because of health reasons. It has been my privilege and honor to serve you. For those of you interested in succeeding me as the Regional Director, now is the time to be gathering support from your employer, family and Chapter. All of you know the time you spend as a volunteer with your Chapter now and this adds to it. Information on how to submit yourself for this responsibility will be sent out February 1. Several of you have made contact with me during this past two months. I am available to answer questions. Also the Director-at-Large for Fleet & Facilities is open. The Region has had several individuals that have served on the Facilities and Grounds Committee and Fleet Services Committee. These are the two technical committees of which this Director is the Board Liaison.

The upcoming Council of Chapters Winter Meeting and Chapter Leadership Training Meeting is Thursday, January 31, and Friday, February 1. Everyone should have their schedules by now. If not you can get the information at [www.apwa.net/clt](http://www.apwa.net/clt). The block of rooms for the meeting Hotel rate expired on January 9. However you can still register for the meeting but you need to find your own hotel accommodation.

Remember APWA provides stipends to the chapters. Up to a \$700 stipend to send two individuals (\$350 per person) to the Chapter Leaders Training, and \$500 for delegates to attend the Council of Chapter meeting. If a

Chapter wishes to send additional members to the CLT there is a \$200 registration fee for each person to cover food and beverage costs.

Region V will have a location for an informal dinner on Wednesday evening, January 30. All Region V attendees are welcome to attend. If you get in a bit after dinner starts, don't fret, just come on to wherever we are. When I get the final list of attendees from Region V, I will advise them of time and place.

As you can see on our schedule, the Region will have our Winter Region V meeting on Thursday January 31 from 3:15—6:00 PM. I am working on the agenda now so if you would like to add something at this time please get back to me by January 17th.

Please make sure that APWA National has your Chapter and Branch Officers up to date as we start the new calendar year.

As I have stated before, I believe the Association is in its best shape since I have been a member and it is because of you, the volunteers that drive our programs. Thank you for what you have done and continue to do. I will see some of you in Kansas City.

### Membership

The December month-end total number of members = 29,565. That represents a decrease compared to the same time last year but remember that we purged life members that we could not locate. And we have an increase of 224 members compared to the previous month. Region V contributed nine of that total. First time member special offer campaign has brought in 3,281 new members in the calendar year; 283 of those are in Canada. This campaign allows anyone who has not previously been a member to join APWA for \$98 USD. The overall retention rate is at 82.73%, a decrease of .10% compared to last month.

**A MEMBERSHIP 101 WEBINAR WILL BE HELD AT 2:00 P.M. (CENTRAL STANDARD TIME) ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 22.**

This one-hour webcast will cover all the basics of being a Chapter Membership Committee Chair or committee member. Experienced membership chairs should participate in the webcast because some processes have changed, and

new membership committee members will be able to understand how it all works between branch/Chapters/APWA National, as well as understanding the realistic expectation of the volunteer position.

For more information, contact Brad Patterson at [bpatterson@apwa.net](mailto:bpatterson@apwa.net) or 816-595-5263 or to register, contact Rhonda Wilhite at [rwilhite@apwa.net](mailto:rwilhite@apwa.net) or 800-848-2792 (ex. 5261).

And I am sure you all noticed that Tammy Bennett has joined the staff as the new Membership Department Director. Tammy had been the Ass't Public Works Director in Lawrence, KS

### **Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA)**

On December 13, the House of Commons and Senate of Canada rose for their winter break. **The House of Commons will reconvene on January 28, 2019 and the Senate on February 19, 2019.** Both chambers will move to new locations next year due to the closing of Centre Block for renovations expected to take a decade. **The House of Commons' temporary home will be in West Block and the Senate will move into the extensively renovated Government Conference Centre, soon to be called the Senate of Canada Building.**

On December 18, Minister of Transport Marc Garneau, announced that **the Government of Canada will begin a call for proposals under the National Trade Corridors Fund on January 15, 2019.** The government will begin accepting expressions of interest starting on that date.

**Statistics Canada has released six components of [Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey, 2016.](#)** Statistics Canada is releasing the data and analysis in "tranches," and it is anticipated the remainder of the data sets and analysis will be released in 2019.

For more information:

- August 28 release: [Roads, bridges and tunnels](#)
- October 9 release: [Culture, recreation and sports facilities, public social and affordable housing](#)
- November 1 release: [Potable water and stormwater assets](#)
- November 27 release: [Public transit assets](#)
- December 10 release: [Asset management](#)

### **Center for Sustainability**

**In the Know** - C4S continues to highlight sustainable practices monthly on APWA's home page. Recent "In the Know" examples have included:

- December 2018—Charlotte, NC, launches new economic model designed to create jobs, revenue
- November 2018 – Kingston, NY Activates Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Municipal Lots
- October 2018 – Vancouver, BC launches its first

green bond

Feel free to share your 'tips and practices for a more sustainable future' – contact Anne Jackson <[ajackson@apwa.net](mailto:ajackson@apwa.net)>.

**Sustainability Blog** - C4S has identified monthly themes to guide its highlights of sustainability-related events, tools, and resources throughout the year. Visit the C4S [Sustainability Works](#) blog for more information.

**Chapter Outreach** - C4S hosts quarterly conference calls for Chapter Sustainability Liaisons. The schedule for 2019:

- Tuesday March 26, 2019 at 4:00 PM ET
- Tuesday June 25, 2019 at 4:00 PM ET
- Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 4:00 PM ET
- Tuesday December 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM ET

For more information, contact Anne Jackson <[ajackson@apwa.net](mailto:ajackson@apwa.net)>.

**C4S Sustainability Toolkit** - Check out the C4S Sustainability Toolkit (accessible from the C4S Resources page or <<http://sustainabilitytoolkit.apwa.net/>>). Have a resource you'd like to contribute? Contact Anne Jackson <[ajackson@apwa.net](mailto:ajackson@apwa.net)>.

### **Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI)**

Recently announced Envision Project Awards:

- Lacombe Main Street Program
- Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station
- General William J. Fox Airfield Runway Reconstruction

### **Government Affairs**

The Swearing in of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress occurred on January 3, 2019. The APWA Government Affairs team will be busy on Capitol Hill throughout the entire month of January meeting with Congressional offices and sharing information about APWA's membership, our legislative priorities, the APWA First Responder campaign, and educating Congress about how APWA is a key resource for all members of Congress and congressional staff.

**January 30, 2019, the APWA Board of Directors will meet.** Since PWX this past August, APWA's Government Affairs staff and the APWA Government Affairs Committee have been working on new public policy priority documents for the incoming 116<sup>th</sup> Congress. **The draft public policy documents are being submitted to the APWA Board of Directors for their review and approval during the January 30, 2019 Board meeting.** Once the Board has reviewed, and hopefully approved, the draft 116<sup>th</sup> Congress public policy priority documents, **these**

will be the policy drivers for APWA's legislative engagement with Congress over the next two years.

The next edition of APWA's *Washington Report* was sent out on January 7, 2019. Please be sure to follow @APWAGOVAFFAIRS on Twitter and read "Advocacy News" on the front page of [www.apwa.net](http://www.apwa.net)

**APWA NEEDS YOUR STORIES!** Please remember to [Tell Your Story](#) through the APWA "Tell Your Story" project. Simply go to the *Government Affairs* tab at [www.apwa.net](http://www.apwa.net) and click on "Tell Your Story."

If you have any questions about APWA Government Affairs activities and priorities, please contact Andrea Eales, at 202-218-6730 or [aeales@apwa.net](mailto:aeales@apwa.net).

### **Education and Credentialing**

*Follow the Education and Credentialing Department via our new blog for innovative and ground-breaking education content, newly released program announcements, career development insights, and much more: <<http://www3.apwa.net/Education/Blog/Posts>>.*

**Accreditation** - The City of Lafayette, CO, Public Works Department, the City of Lincoln, NE, Transportation and Utilities Department and the City of Aventura, FL Public Works and Transportation Department were approved for Accreditation for the next four-years.

The **City of Chesapeake, VA, Department of Public Works was approved for re-accreditation** for another four-year period.

**Re-accreditation site visits were also held** in the City of Newport News, VA, the City of Naperville, IL and the City of Oakland, CA; pending final approval by the Accreditation Council.

Upcoming January site visits include:

Re-Accreditation – City of Wellington, FL

Re-Accreditation – City of Encinitas, CA

Re-Accreditation – Anderson County, SC

**Certifications** - The **new testing schedule for the computer-based exams** for the CPII, CPFP, CSM, CPWP-M and CPWP-S programs **has been posted to the APWA website**. There are now available testing dates in every month.

APWA recognizes the important work and training the Public Works Institutes provide and have **initiated a \$50 discount on the CPWP-S or CPWP-M examination fee for any PWI graduate**.

**If you would like more information** on the CPII (Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector), the CPFP (Certified Public Fleet Professional), the CSM (Certified Stormwater Manager), the CPWP-M (Certified Public Works Professional-Management) or the CPWP-S

(Certified Public Works Professional-Supervision) please contact [certification@apwa.net](mailto:certification@apwa.net).

**Click, Listen & Learn** - Upcoming Click, Listen & Learn webinars:

- Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR). **The Importance of "If You See Something, Say Something" in Public Works, on January 24, 2019**, presented by the Emergency Management Committee.
- **Stretching Your Green Infrastructure Dollars: Case studies in maintenance costs and Level of Service, on February 28**, presented by the Water Resources Management Committee.

A recording of the October Click, Listen & Learn webinar titled **Research—Where to Look for Winter Answers is now available in the Members' Library**. For more information on APWA Click, Listen & Learn programs, please contact [education@apwa.net](mailto:education@apwa.net).

**Conferences – 2019 PWX and North American Snow Conference** - In 2019, APWA will continue its long tradition of providing leading-edge information, education, networking, and collaboration opportunities for public works professionals via our premier conference events. **The North American Snow Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 19-22, 2019. The annual PWX will be held in Seattle, Washington, September 8-11, 2019.** Planning for these two events is well underway. Check the conferences webpages at [www.apwa.net](http://www.apwa.net) for updates on the topics that will be discussed and the networking opportunities that will benefit you in your professional development and growth. Full information about education sessions for the Snow Conference will be available this month and for PWX in March 2019.

**APWA eLearning Portal - Courses currently available** through the APWA Online Store:

- [Construction Inspection 201: Project Management](#)
- [Ethics for Public Works Professionals](#)
- [Ethics for Public Works Supervisors](#)
- [Public Works Math 101: Calculating Concrete and Asphalt](#)

**Coming Soon: The Habits of Highly Dysfunctional Leaders (seven 8-10-minute videos)**. Join us to take a humorous look at dysfunctional leadership behaviors. **We explore how individuals can become more self-aware and overcome these dysfunctions. We also discuss how individuals can overcome the issues of working with a dysfunctional leader.** This collection of videos will be accessible via YouTube (at no charge), or through the eLearning Portal (for a fee), as a component of an e-Learning course with assessments, activities and additional

educational materials.

[watch?v=zdlxeSYFoAU&t=27s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdlxeSYFoAU&t=27s)

For more information on our eLearning programs, please visit the program webpages listed above or email us at [education@apwa.net](mailto:education@apwa.net).

If you have questions on any of these programs, please contact [education@apwa.net](mailto:education@apwa.net).

**Emerging Leaders Academy** - Check out social media in January and February for a series of “**Meet Class XII**” **videos**, which allow APWA members to learn more about the current class of ELA participants. For questions about ELA or for more information, contact [education@apwa.net](mailto:education@apwa.net).

### **Meetings**

Upcoming Events:

**2019 North American Snow Conference**, May 19-22, Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration for 2019 Snow Conference opens January 22.

**2019 PWX**, September 8-11, Seattle, Washington

**2020 North American Snow Conference**, April 19-22, Cleveland, Ohio

**2020 PWX**, August 30 – September 2, New Orleans, Louisiana

**2021 North American Snow Conference**, April 11-14, Grand Rapids, Michigan

**2021 PWX**, August 29 – September 1, St. Louis, Missouri

**2022 North American Snow Conference**, April 10-13, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**2022 PWX**, August 28 – 31, Charlotte, North Carolina

**2023 North American Snow Conference**, April 16-19, Omaha, Nebraska

**Public Works Institutes** - Institute 2018 Annual Reports are due January 31, 2019.

The updated ***Public Works Administration: Operations*** (Blue Book) is **now in the book store** and available for purchase. The **Public Works Institute Bundle**, comprised of the ***Public Works Administration: Supervision and Management*** (Yellow Book Units 1-5) and Blue Book (Units 6-11) along with the ***Executive Soft Skills Pocket Guide***, is **available** to nationally-approved Institutes at a discounted rate.

For questions about the annual report process or the PWI Book Bundle, please contact [education@apwa.net](mailto:education@apwa.net).

**Top Tech** - The 2019 Top Trending Technologies in Public Works will be announced in the January *Reporter*.

In support of APWA's 2018 Top Tech initiative, a **new webinar series called Talking Top Tech kicked off in June**. This series consists of a panel discussion format and focuses on looking at each of the identified 2018 Top Tech through different lenses, including public works, industry, policy and legislation, and international.

The Talking Top Tech webinars are available on YouTube on the apwatv channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/apwatv>

- [Talking Top Tech: Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Edition](#)
- [Talking Top Tech: Asset Management Edition](#)
- [Talking Top Tech: Geographic Information System \(GIS\)/Mapping Edition](#)
- [Talking Top Tech: Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\)/Drones Edition](#)
- [Talking Top Tech: Global Positioning System \(GPS\)/Automatic Vehicle Location \(AVL\) Edition](#)

Finally, **get an up-close view of Top Tech at work via the Roving Reporter Education Series:**

- Season 1: Episode 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpaPcahkKig&t=2s>
- Season 1: Episode 2: <https://www.youtube.com/>

## Tech Talk: A Quick List of Ongoing Projects from the APWA Technical Committees

**Asset Management Committee**— The 2018-2019 Asset Management Committee Workplan includes the following:

- Asset Management Job Descriptions: Compile examples of job descriptions for AM specific personnel.
- Member Survey: Develop and conduct survey of APWA members to understand desired resource needs.
- Asset Management Education Presentation: Develop a presentation to explain basics of good Asset Management Systems to assist with stakeholder education.
- Asset Management Definition Development: Develop/expand on definitions of AM terms to assist with standardizing terminology.
- Asset Management Roadmap: Finalize existing roadmap developed by Asset Management Task Force.

**Emergency Management Committee** - The committee is working on a Click, Listen and Learn for January 24th at 10 a.m./Central, *Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) The Importance of “If you See Something, Say Something” in Public Works*. [https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Events/Event\\_Display.aspx?EventKey+CLL12419](https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey+CLL12419).

Public Works employees are in a unique position to be eyes and ears in our communities, especially when it comes to public safety. We have thousands of employees who provide a broad spectrum of services that touch the lives of every individual. Our work provides opportunities to observe and report suspicious activities. This webinar will discuss the “National Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) initiative” and the “If You See Something, Say Something” campaign. It will highlight why it is important that public works professionals receive SAR training and report suspicious activities. Also, what is a Fusion Center? Why are Fusion Centers important? What do they have to do with Suspicious Activity Reporting?

PrepTalks may be found at <https://www.fema.gov/preptalks>. PrepTalks are given by subject-matter experts and thought leaders to spread new ideas, spark conversation, and promote innovative leadership for the issues confronting emergency managers now and over the next 20 years.

**Engineering and Technology Committee**— The Engineering & Technology Committee is excited to begin working on their year-long *Reporter* series with the Leadership and Management Committee. The series will focus on public works managers preparing for new technologies.

**Facilities and Grounds Committee**—The Facilities & Grounds Committee is working on the content and layout of their Certificate Program that will be delivered at PWX2019. The committee is also reviewing topics for the April education of the APWA *Reporter*.

**Fleet Services Committee**—The Fleet Services Committee is pleased to welcome its newest member, Scott McIver. Scott, and the rest of the committee are working on their assignments that make up the committee’s Certificate Program that will launch at PWX in Seattle.

**Leadership and Management Committee**—The Leadership & Management Committee has begun working with the Engineering and Technology Committee on a year-long *Reporter* article series. The series will focus on public works managers preparing for new technologies.

**Transportation Committee**—The Transportation Committee has six active subcommittees. Please contact Rita Cassida at [rcassida@apwa.net](mailto:rcassida@apwa.net) if you are interested in joining a subcommittee.

- Winter Maintenance
- Sustainable Transportation
- Road Safety
- Project Delivery Federal Transportation
- Connected Vehicles

For more information please visit the [Transportation Committee webpage](#).

**Solid Waste Management Committee**—The Solid Waste Management Committee is pleased to welcome their newest committee member, Karen Luken. Karen will be a great addition as the committee continues to work on the New Directors Toolbox.

**UPROW (Utilities and Public Rights-of-Way) Committee**—The UPROW Committee is working on a Toolbox Item titled Small Cell Permitting Process-A Municipal Perspective Part 1. It is planned to be released in January. With the increasing usage of wireless devices and data, municipalities are facing increased demand for reliable wireless service, and 5G technology is eager to meet that need. Small cell infrastructure is in the early stages of deployment across the nation to support this wireless network. Small cell antennas are being placed on poles and buildings, sometimes as close as 400 feet apart.

**Water Resources Committee**—The Water Resources Management Committee is working on a Click, Listen and Learn to be presented on February 28th at 10 a.m./Central, titled *Stretching your Green Infrastructure Dollars*—. Case studies in maintenance costs and level of service. Over the last 20 years, the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan has built 124 rain gardens and bio-swales in public spaces. Although rain gardens have been successful at reducing pollutant loads, our 3 acres of green stormwater infrastructure created a new challenge: maintenance. In 2015 the City of Ann Arbor and the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office collaborated to formalize the maintenance of the 124 rain gardens.

Maintenance schedules and expenditures for each rain garden have been implemented and refined over the last three years. Three case studies will be highlighted showing varied plant designs, spillways and public support. For each case study, a multi-pronged approach has proven successful in implementing the maintenance plan. The variety of rain gardens installed in Ann Arbor have provided the opportunity to learn many lessons and rules of thumb for design. Recommendations for designs that can simplify maintenance, focusing on plant selection, spillway design, size considerations and public involvement will be detailed.. The lessons learned from maintenance in Ann Arbor's rain garden can be used to improve designs, created realistic budgets and foster positive partnerships.

**SC/RC Committee** - SC/RC Committee is developing a social media plan, aimed at connecting with and telling the stories of APWA's SC/RC community. Look for more details about the effort this Spring.

## **APWA Technical Committees – Explained!**

The American Public Works Association has several volunteer committees to assist in the management of the association and its work. The most substantial of these are the Technical Committees that deal with specific public works areas. APWA Technical Committees are the “centers of expertise” for the assigned subject areas, and their primary purpose is to provide direction and oversight to programs, services and products within the technical area of expertise in support of the strategic plan and APWA goals and objectives.

Technical Committees are responsible for articles in every issue of the *Reporter*, PWX/Snow Conference presentations, Click, Listen & Learn webinars, APWA Publications, and support of APWA Certification programs for fleet, stormwater and construction inspection.

### **Technical Committee and Task Force Mission Statements:**

#### **Asset Management Committee**

To support APWA members that operate, improve and maintain public works and infrastructure through advocacy, education, resource development, and member engagement in the field of asset management.

#### **Emergency Management Committee**

To provide APWA members with resources and a forum for exchanging and developing ideas, knowledge, and technologies for, mitigating from, preparing for, responding to, and recovery from all hazards (manmade and natural disasters). The committee also intends to foster recognition of public works’ important role (s) in emergency management.

#### **Engineering and Technology Committee**

To encourage sharing and application of knowledge about engineering and technology and advancing these practices in public works, pursuing APWA’s mission to develop and support the people, agencies, and organizations that plan, build, maintain and improve our communities.

#### **Facilities and Grounds Committee**

The mission of the Facilities and Grounds Committee of the APWA is to provide APWA members with the resources for exchanging and developing ideas, information, skills, knowledge, and technologies for the operation, management, and maintenance of public buildings, grounds, and parks. The committee also recommends and advances APWA policies and positions concerning public facilities and grounds issues.

#### **Fleet Services Committee**

The Fleet Services Committee’s mission is to support excellence in fleet management, through advancing the leadership, education and promotion of fleet proficiency to APWA members, agencies and organizations.

#### **Leadership & Management Committee**

To advance Public Works professionalism through research, application and advocacy of innovative leadership and best management practices. To provide resources to public works professionals in management and leadership.

#### **Solid Waste Management Committee**

The Solid Waste Management Committee serves its members by supporting APWA’s role as the recognized leader in public works by providing its members with the resources for exchanging and developing ideas, information, skills, knowledge, and technologies for the operation, management, and maintenance of solid waste facilities.

#### **Transportation Committee**

To provide APWA members with resources for exchanging and developing ideas, information, skills, knowledge, and technologies for the advancement of APWA’s transportation objectives and to develop and promote environmentally sound, sustainable, cost effective, and safe systems that enhance the livability and quality of life in our communities through active public involvement.

#### **Utilities and Public Right-of-Way Committee**

Provides education and information raising awareness about utility-related issues and promoting the best use of the public rights-of-way.

#### **Water Resources Management Committee**

On behalf of APWA members, we promote and provide education on best management practices for water resources to achieve resilient and sustainable systems.

For more information, contact Deanne Cross, Senior Education Manager, at [dcross@apwa.net](mailto:dcross@apwa.net) or 816-595-5216.

## For Your Convenience

Below is the **UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION** for each of the Technical committees .

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>BOARD LIAISON</u>	<u>STAFF LIAISON</u>
Asset Management Task Force	Toby Rickman trickma@co.pierce.wa.us	Jim Neal jneal@charlestoncounty.org	Rita Cassida rcassida@apwa.net
Emergency Management	Mark Ray mark.ray@crystalmn.gov	Stan Brown sbrown@cityofoakwood.net	Rita Cassida rcassida@apwa.net
Engineering & Technology	Hesha Gamble hgamble@greenvillecounty.org	Jim Neal jneal@charlescounty.org	Matt Harper mharper@apwa.net
Facilities & Grounds	Mark Whitfield mwhitfield@milford-de.gov	Mary Joyce Ivers mjivers@ci.ventura.ca.us	Matt Harper mharper@apwa.net
Fleet Services	Darryl Syler jsyler@dublin.oh.us	Mary Joyce Ivers mjivers@ci.ventura.ca.us	Matt Harper mharper@apwa.net
Leadership & Management	Chas Jordan cjordan@apwaflorida.org	Stan Brown sbrown@cityofoakwood.net	Matt Harper mharper@apwa.net
Solid Waste	Monica Bramble mbramble@cityofnorthport.com	Lisa Rapp lrapp@lakewoodcity.org	Matt Harper mharper@apwa.net
Transportation	Carla Anderson Carla.anderson@ks.gov	Kathleen Davis davisk@wsdot.wa.gov	Rita Cassida rcassida@apwa.net
Utility and Public Right-of-Way	Al Field Al.field@alfield-assoc.com	Kathleen Davis davisk@wsdot.wa.gov	Rita Cassida rcassida@apwa.net
Water Resources	Kristina Ramirez kramirez@killeentexas.gov	Lisa Rapp lrapp@lakewoodcity.org	Rita Cassida rcassida@apwa.net

Rich Berning, PE  
APWA Region V Director  
10 Beachview Lane  
Springfield IL 62712  
(217) 494-9946 (cell)  
(217) 529-7833 (home)